

4th Infantry Division

Ivy League Minutes

March 2003

AAFES/COMMISSARY

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Commissary:

www.commissaries.com

Commissary gift certificates are available for the holidays or anytime at <http://www.commissaries.com>. They can also be donated to benefit military personnel in need through the USO and the Air Force Society. Check the website for more information. Commissary gift certificates may be purchased by anyone, but only authorized commissary shoppers can redeem them in any commissary worldwide. The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program, administered by the Fisher House Foundation, is now under way. Applications and criteria for the program can be downloaded from <http://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.fisherhouse.org> or picked up at any commissary customer service office. Applications and supporting materials must be returned to your nearest commissary no later than close of business on Feb. 21, 2003. The latest enhancement to the Defense Commissary Agency's food safety program is a tiny Web site button that customers can use to get more information about product recalls. The "Food Safety Information" button on <http://www.commissaries.com> takes visitors to a section that publicizes pertinent food safety alerts and product recalls. It also features links to other Web sites offering a wealth of food safety information. This ensures that military members have access to the best and safest possible products the food industry has to offer.

ACS

Relocation Readiness invites you to an International Spouse Program. It is an ongoing program. Please call Carmen Bilse or Lisa Schimmels at 287-8595 **New Military Spouse Open House @ Relocation Readiness of ACS**

When: First Tuesday of the Month
Where: Albee Hall Building 9001, Classroom 3
Time: 1:00 - 3:00
Call 287-4471 for mor info.

AFTB

AFTB is now offering a package of classes that will help family members cope during the challenges of long-term separation caused by field exercises, TDY's, deployments and unaccompanied tours. Classes include topics such as chain of command/concern, introduction to military and civilian community resources, benefits, entitlements and compensation, and the impact of mission on family life. For more info call 286-5913/6600. AFTB Teen Workshops offer teens age 12-18 the opportunity to be a part of a dynamic program that educates while allowing them to meet new friends. On the 4th Tuesday of each month, Teen AFTB Workshops are held at the Lane Volunteer Center from 6pm to 7:30pm and dinner is provided! If your teen would like to get involved as an AFTB instructor, Teen AFTB Instructor Courses are held quarterly. Teen AFTB Instructors will receive the fulfillment of helping and teaching their peers, and they can add this experience to college applications and resumes. AFTB instruction also counts as community service hours for teens! AFTB is in need of a Level One Coordinator, Volunteer Program Manager, and a Teen Coordinator or someone interested in assisting the Teen Coordinator. Please call Peggy Stamper or Thuy Depew at the Lane Volunteer Center at 286-6600 if you are interested. Come join the friendly and fun team at Lane Volunteer Center. Even if you can only teach one class a month, it would be greatly appreciated. LVC is located on the corner of Old Ironsides and Hood Road.

BAND OF ANGELS

The Band of Angels:
General Membership meeting on Mon., March 10 at 1pm at the Fisher House. All are invited. The Band of Angels volunteer coordinator is now Laura

Read, 698-6921. Events scheduled at the Fischer House may not exceed 20 people. Call 286-7927.

CHAPEL PWOC

For information, please contact the PWOC president, Felicia Kurzyniec, 200-1334.

FHJS

Fort Hood Jewish Sisterhood: If you have any questions call Laura Allen at 698-7546.

4ID Cookbooks

If you are interested in adding any of your famous recipes to our next cookbook please turn them in to your battalion/group or to me via email. Current cookbooks still on sale for \$10! Corinne Hermans
TCHermans@earthlink.net

CYSAC

Each CYS program has a quarterly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at their sites. Meeting information regarding the times and locations can be obtained at the program patrons use. School Age Services (SAS) PAC meeting: First month of each quarter - 1530-1730 - At each SAS site.

Installation Child and Youth Evaluation Team Inspection Issue: Holiday SOP needs to be reviewed.

Patrons are invited to voice their opinions regarding the celebration of non-core holidays with their programs. Purpose of reviewing the Holiday SOP is to ensure that parent input is reflected regarding the additional holidays to be celebrated in the CYS programs. Example: Saint Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween etc. Information:

Mandated Core Holiday celebrations reflect Army Core Values: New Year's Day; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday; Presidents Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas.

www.hoodmwr.com/DCA%20CYS.htm

ENLISTED SPOUSES CLUB

Spouses of Enlisted Soldiers, E-1 through E-9, active duty or retired, are invited to join the Enlisted Spouses' Club. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Montague Community Life Bldg., on West Ft. Hood.

4th ID MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop has NEW toddler's items for sale. Gift Shop Phone Number: 532-3180 Our manager is Shanna Due. Mon - Fri - 10am to 4pm
Sat & Training Holidays - 10am to 4pm

HEALTH CONSUMER COMMITTEE

The Women's Health Clinic has had its grand opening. If any groups would like a briefing or tour you are welcome to do so. Please continue to be patient with gaps in staff due to possible deployments. There are 82 primary care staff that are now with their units getting ready to deploy. To replace those 82 staff members 3 have been brought up. Once the Taskforce deploys the call-up will begin. After the call-up it will be 30 days to in-process the reserve primary care staff. So as you can see the schedule problems will not be solved any time soon. This is not because of Darnall but is a decision that has been made in Washington. Specifically, at the Bennett Clinic there have been no well-baby appointments only acute care. They are working on the schedule to try to get more appointment slots available. This is your clinic and people are working very hard to provide the services that are needed.

Deployment Healthcare briefings please contact:

Lt Col Wilhite 288.8839

Diane Thomas 532.0833

Early Morning Triage Hours Change

The hours of the Triage Line that was available through the Patient Appointment Service, 288-8888, at Darnall Army Community Hospital, are being changed due to lack of use by patients. On 20 Jan 03, the **Nurse Triage Service hours** changed from 0500-0700 to 0700-1530. Patients can continue to access the Nurse Triage Line by calling the Patient Appointment Service, **288-8888**. Triage Nurses will

be located in the Bennett Health Clinic, Thomas Moore Health Clinic and Darnall Family Care Clinic to provide the appropriate level of care for acute health needs. POC for more info is MEDDAC Public Affairs, 288-8005.

IRONHORSE READINESS CENTER

You can reserve the Soldier & Family Readiness Center for your next meeting by calling SFC Plowden, 287-9525, or drop by anytime Monday - Friday from 9am - 5 pm. The center is located in Building 9409, behind 19th St. Chapel at the corner of 19th St. and Battalion Ave

HOSPITAL

The pharmacy will open in the PX in January. HIPPA- safeguard for assuring healthcare privacy- is now in effect. If you are further than 34 weeks along in your pregnancy, Tri-Care may not pay if you deliver while traveling for recreation. The hospital is in need of volunteer case workers. Call Laura Reed at 287-4700 for more info.

LAYETTE

The layette committee extends a friendly welcome to SFC Lesley Barnes. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to SSG Jolyn Johnson. SFC Barnes is replacing SSG Johnson as the 4th ID Representative at Darnall Hospital so that she may return to her unit. SFC Barnes is ready and eager to help in whatever way she can. She may be reached at 288-8157.

Thank you, as always, for your time and support (especially those of you that braved the weather this past month)!

LVC

Please continue to bring your unit's FRG volunteer numbers and their hours to the Ivy League meetings. Please make sure all your unit's FRG volunteers are registered at the Lane Volunteer Center (LVC). All volunteers' names and hours should be maintained at unit level for future recognition purposes. Please remember that you or your unit can nominate a special volunteer for III Corps and Fort Hood Volunteer of the Month (VOM) and 4th ID VOM. Further information regarding III Corps and Fort Hood VOM can be obtained by calling Tracy Adkinson, Assistant Installation Volunteer

Coordinator (IVC), at 287-8657 or stopping by the LVC, Bldg. 16005, on the corner of Hood Road and Old Ironsides Avenue.

Every third Wednesday
Albee Hall, building 9001
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. (bring a lunch)
Call 288-1431 for more information
Refocusing: Identifying the Issues,
Resolution: Communication,
Reconnecting: Bonding,
Rekindling: Expectations and the
Relationship, Rejuvenation: Enhancing
Fun and Friendship Initial screening of
eligible couples is required before
attending classes

MCEC

Did you know that soldiers with family members entering their senior year of high school may be able to stay an extra year at their current duty stations? The family member must be enrolled in DEERS and a DA Form 4187 listing the family member's name and social security number is needed. The suspense date will be 12 months prior to the start of the youth's senior school year. PERSCOM is the approval authority for all requests. For more info, see Stabilization For Soldiers - High School Seniors on the PERSCOM homepage at; <http://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsg.s.nsf>. Other useful sites for military parents: Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) at www.odedodea.edu. DoDEA has an excellent web site. This site links to the DoDEA schools as well as gives great information to schools and families about the Department of Defense school system. Lightspan at www.lightspan.com lists public schools by state. The Military Home School Network www.militaryhomeschool.com is dedicated to military home educators and their families. Their mission is to be the best info channel for accurate and timely delivery of home school information and services affecting active duty service members, National Guard, Reservists and their families. Parochial Schools (all faiths) Directory www.parochial.com represents many different faiths. Schools with web sites choose to join this network. STOMP www.washingtonpave.com/T-stomp.html was established to assist

military families who have children with special education or health needs. It is a project of Washington PAVE, and is funded through a grant from the US Dept. of Education.

<< SCHOOL POCS >>

KISD: Parent/Community Involvement Coordinator: Alice Wooten, 501-0282

Website: www.killeenisd.org

Cable Channel: 17

CCISD: Public Information Officer:

Brandie Wallace, 547-1227

Website: www.ccisd.com

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

Due to the Deployment, the 4ID Retirement Ceremonies and Newcomers Orientation will be cancelled until the soldiers return from the Deployment.

RED CROSS

Still need care mobile drivers. Still have rooms at Darnall that need redecorating. (Paint, border, stencil, pictures etc...). Call 287-0400.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop is looking for people to be on the board for next year. Please see Karen if you are interested.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fort Hood Military Family Member Scholarship is an independent organization developed for the purpose of raising funds to provide scholarships for deserving eligible family members. The award is recurring, so the student may apply consecutive years as long as the student meets the criteria.

THRIFT SHOP

Rep is needed for the Thrift Store Board immediately. The board meets every 3rd Monday at 09:30 at the Thrift Store. Remember that the funds earned at the Thrift Shop go right back into the community. The Thrift Shop donates money automatically to the Scholarship Fund and to the Child Care Fund. Please consider either consigning or donating your items to the Thrift Shop. Also remember to shop at the Thrift Shop and tell your friends. You do not need an ID card to shop, only to consign. The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers and also will pay for childcare. The Thrift Shop phone number is 532-2948. The Thrift

Store is open on the first and third Saturday of each. The hours are 9am - 2pm with consignments being from 10-12.

VOLUNTEER CHILD CARE FUND

The Volunteer Child Care Fund will be having its annual Chocolate and Coffee Fundraiser on Saturday, April 12, 2003 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Community Events Center. Tickets are available now.

POTPOURRI

BE A COLLEGE GRADUATE! New Skills and new job opportunities! Think you can not afford it? **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.** Dependent Spouses and High School Seniors look for the Ft. Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Applications @ LVC for Spouses & school Counselors office for HS seniors. Over \$50,000 was given to 89 recipients last year, this year it could be you! Write Box 5299 Fort Hood Texas 76544 for more info.

Family Readiness Groups: Mobilization & Deployment hosts a monthly **Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leader Focus Group.** It will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Lane Volunteer Center from 9:30 am - 11:00 am This is a great opportunity to network with other FRG leaders to share ideas and information, gain support and knowledge, and discuss challenges FRG leaders may face. You may sign up for the focus group by telephone or email. All classes are held at the Lane Volunteer Center, Bldg 16005, located on the corner of Hood Rd. and Old Ironsides Ave. Funded childcare is available for pre-registered students during daytime classes only, except for the FRG Leader Focus Group. Call 288-2794 to register.

Fundraising? Anyone planning a Fund Raiser needs to know the following information: Fund raisers can take up to two months of planning. Fund raising events must be approved by the Directorate of Community Activities. For more information, contact the Directorate of Community

Activities coordinating officer, Mrs. Gladys Mendoza 287-0014.

Corps Cares Online: You can get the Corps Cares electronically. Thanks to the coordination efforts of SPC Feickert in the III Corps Chief of Staff Office, the Corps Cares is available on MobDep's website in our Resource Library: <http://www.hoodmwr.com/rl.html>.

Finally, Anyone trying to reach "The Army Spouse Website" has been unsuccessful. The website address has changed and is now: <http://www.armyspouse.org>. Call Daniela Kendall, Mobilization & Deployment Office, 288-5156 if you have any questions.

Family Advocacy Hotline: ACS has a 24 hour "Family Advocacy Victim Advocate Program" (FAVAP) at Fort Hood to respond to domestic violence situations on the installation. During duty hours the POC is the FAVAP Office. During non-duty hours the Fort Hood MP Desk Sergeant will contact FAVAP personnel. For information call 288-7585. **New Military Spouses?** ACS sponsors a monthly orientation for new military spouses. The orientation is the first Tuesday of each month at Albee Hall from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Call Colleen Foleen at 287-4471 for more information.

Ed Center: As the Soldier Development Center work continues the Education Center has been doing some relocating. Right now this is where the services reside:

- College and FAST classes are at the SDC, Building 33009.
- The Counseling Center is temporarily in Building 265 on Motor Pool Road.
- The Administrative and Program Management Branch of Education Services, CTC Registration and Administrative Offices, the other college and university on-post representatives and Off Post Schools are in Building 3201, next to the Casey Library. When Phase II of the SDC is complete most operations will move there. All phone numbers have remained the same. Call the Education Center at 287-4824 or visit <http://esd.hood.army.mil> for more information.

EVENTS

Community Service Council Meeting

PRIMO'S EXPRESS is now serving a variety of menu selections at their new location, next to the Ft. Hood Officers Club. Choose from pizzas, calzones, wings, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, Philly cheese steaks and more. Call ahead for to-go orders or delivery to all Ft. Hood locations. Call 532-4425. Perfect for lunchtime cravings or a quick and easy meal after work. Check out the new menu choices today. Primo's Express is open 11am to 11pm, seven days a week! CALL AN END TO ABUSE. Call 287-CARE (2273), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report Spouse or Child Abuse. The ACS Family Advocacy Program "Cares." LOOKING FOR A FAMILY PET AND LOYAL COMPANION? Look no further than the Ft. Hood Animal Shelter. Call 287-4675. The shelter is located on 80th St. and Engineer Drive in Building 4902. Your next pet could be there now.

Tax Center Changes Hours of Operation

EFFECTIVE 24 FEBRUARY 2003
The Fort Hood Tax Center hours of operation will change due to current deployments.

Hours: Tue & Wed 000-2000, Fri & Sat 1000-1800, Thurs 1300-1800, Sun & Mon closed
Please call 288-5302 with any questions.

FYI

TEACHER PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (TPCP)

Apply Now! Do you have a bachelor's degree and want to become a certified teacher? The next application deadline for the June-August training cycle is April 25th, 2003. Call the Ed Center at 287-0621 for more information or visit our website at <http://esd.hood.army.mil>.

Here are the numbers for your connection to Fort Hood

Post Operator	Unit Info
287-1110	287-2131

ABRAMS SWIMMING POOL

Effective 6 Jan 03 hours of operations as follows:

Mon-Wed&Fri 0500-0900 & 1100-2200 hours, Thur 1300-2200 hours
Sat & Sun 0800-2000 hours

The remaining Abrams Gym Functions Basketball Courts, Racquetball Courts Exercise Rooms and Sauna will continue to operate Mon - Fri 1300 - 2100 Hours 287-4648

HOLIDAYS TAKE TOLL ON BLOOD SUPPLY AT ROBERTSON BLOOD CENTER

As anticipated, increased blood usage and a lack of eligible people donating blood during this holiday season has taken a toll on our current blood supply. We need all blood types all the time! However, we are critically short type O negative, B negative, and AB negative or positive. Blood supply FDA cautions imposed due to West Nile Virus and future donor restrictions when due to smallpox vaccinations are presenting blood collection challenges never experienced in history. This is resulting in blood supplies at all time lows, jeopardizing peace and wartime patient care readiness. Active duty, Retirees, DoD & Contract civilians and their family members are potentially eligible to donate blood at Robertson Blood Center. The blood we collect is distributed to maintain readiness of numerous missions: Operation Enduring Freedom, Darnall Army Community Hospital (a large quantity is used on labor and delivery and pediatrics), Brooke Army Medical Center burn unit, other Army and DoD hospitals and the Temple VA. HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS YEAR, DONATE BLOOD. LOCATION AND HOURS OF ROBERTSON BLOOD CENTER Bldg 2250, 761st Tank Bn Ave (across from 1CAV Museum) M-W 0730-1130 & 1300-1530 / Th 1300-1530 / Fri 0730-1200 Information: 287-5938/8128 POC: George Stanley @ 287-5938 George.Stanley@cen.amedd.army.mil

Spouses of Deployed Soldiers & Waiting Families* Support Group

Free Food! Free childcare! Meet new people! Free Fun!

[Topics to be discussed:](#)

Return and Reunion

Coping with Deployments & Separations Marriage Enrichment & More! First Tuesday and third Thursday of **each** month 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Lane Volunteer Center, Bldg 16005
Corner of Hood Rd and Old Ironsides Avenue

*Spouses of soldiers serving on an overseas unaccompanied tour or anticipating such a tour
Call for reservations, please: 288-5155, 288-5156, 288-2794 or email: David.Gretsch@hood.army.mil

Corps Cares On-Line:

<http://www.hoodmwr.com/rl.html>

DATES TO REMEMBER**MARCH**

- 5** 5:30pm-8:30pm, ACS
Community Resource Specialist
Training, LVC
- 6** 9am-12pm, ACS Community
Resource Specialist Training, LVC
- 10** Fisher House Band of Angels
General Membership Meeting, 1pm,
Fisher
House
- 11** 10:30am, OWC Luncheon,
"Milan, Paris, Killeen Run-way to
Fashion,"
reservations A-L 520-2211, M-Z 520-
2127
- 14** KISD, early release
- 17-21** KISD/CCISD Spring Break
- 20** Enlisted Spouses Club
Meeting, Montague Community Life
Bldg., West Ft.
Hood, Executive Board Elections
- 28** 5pm, O'Club, West Point
Founders Day Dinner

APRIL

- 2** 7pm, Ivy League, bring store
bought cookies for the YMCA
- 6** turn clocks ahead
- 12** 11am-3:30pm, VCCF
Fundraiser, Community Events Center
(CEC), "Chocolate
& Coffee", \$5 adults, \$1 children 3-12
yrs.
- 15** 6pm, OWC Evening Function,
"Murder at St. Cakes," reservations A-L
520-2211, M-Z 520-2127
- 17** 7pm, Enlisted Spouses Club
Meeting, Montague Community Life
Bldg., West
Ft. Hood, Volunteer Recognition &
Installation of New Executive Board
- 18** Good Friday, KISD no school
- 20** Easter
- 24** 7pm, TV Town Hall Meeting
- 26** March of Dimes Walk America
2003, Killeen Amphitheater,
registraction
8am, walk begins 9am
- 28** April - 3 May - Volunteer
Appreciation Week
- 29** 6:30pm, Volunteer of the Year
Ceremony, Phantom Warrior Center
(PWC)

MAY

- 1** National Day of Prayer
- 2** OWC Celebrity Golf
Tournament, 8am to 5pm
- 7** 9:30am, Ivy League, IHRC
- 15** Enlisted Spouses Club
Meeting, Montague Community Life
Bldg., West Ft. Hood
- 20** 10:30am, OWC Luncheon,
"Beach Blanket Bingo", reservations A-
L 520-2211, M-Z 520-2127
- 23** Corps Training Holiday
- 26** Memorial Day Holiday
- 29** Last day of school KISD/
CCISD, early release

JUNE

- 4** 7pm, Ivy League, IHRC